

**AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**November 15, 2004, 6:30 p.m.**

The Special Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Cheryl Maki presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Council Members Present:** Kathy Sands, Alice Dowdin, Kevin Hanley,  
Mike Holmes, Mayor Cheryl Maki

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Bob Richardson  
City Attorney Charles Wachob

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Maki said she called this Special Session of the City Council so she could publicly express her appreciation and that of the entire Council to all the City volunteers. She awarded each of the approximately 74 volunteers with a Certificate of Appreciation and a lapel-size Key to the City. These volunteers represent the Police Department, the Arts Commission, the Economic Development Commission, the Endurance Capital Committee, Project Auburn, the Historic Design and Review Committee, the Library Advisory Board, the Housing Advisory and Appeals Board, the Planning Commission and the Telecommunications Commission.

1. **Public Comment**

Council Member Sands asked the Mayor to adjourn this meeting in honor of Richard Seeba, the former CEO of the Granite Community Bank.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **2. Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Design Review and Historic Preservation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption**

By title only, hold a second reading for an **ORDINANCE 04-08** amendment which:

- A. Repeals Article 8 of Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Auburn Municipal Code (Design Control) and replace it with Article 8 (Design Review Ordinance);
- B. Adopts Article 27 of Chapter 4 of Title 9 (Historic Preservation Ordinance) and repeals Section 8–9.01 and 8-9.02 of the Auburn Municipal Code (Historical Buildings);
- C. Amends Section 9-4.1009 of the Zoning Ordinance; and
- D. Repeals Zoning Map Exhibit to Title 9 (pages 426-439)

Council Member Hanley thanked all those involved with this ordinance amendment for all their hard work and diligence.

### **MOTION: Dowdin/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

### **3. Mayor Reorganization and Duties**

Council Member Holmes thought it would be appropriate for the Council to review how the mayor is selected, the term and duties of the mayor and whether or not there should be any additional compensation.

Council Member Sands said a one-year term for mayor is long enough. This council shouldn't make any rules that would make it cumbersome for any future council.

Council Member Dowdin remembered that the Rules and Procedures of the City Council were revised in 1999. She agreed with Sands that this city is too small to have an elected mayor. One year is sufficient and would give more people the opportunity to serve. Since the Mayor of the City of Auburn is somewhat of a figurehead and represents the city at various functions and incurs certain expenses, perhaps these expenses should be reimbursed by the city if the mayor so chooses. She likes the idea of the highest vote getter as a way of selecting the mayor.

Council Member Hanley said that for Auburn's size, this government works well. The rotation policy based on the top vote getter is a good one.

Mayor Maki said the job of mayor is huge. Even though it is mainly ceremonial, it has no more power than any other member of the City Council. People look to the mayor to attend every one of their events. Not only is the mayor expected to attend, but also to give a speech. There should be a stated policy for reimbursement for the monies spent by the mayor in the conduct of public business or when representing the City at various functions.

Council Member Holmes said there should be written guidelines for the selection and term of the mayor. He felt that an appointed member of the Council should stand for election at the next regular election. He also felt the Mayor should have a discretionary fund to pay for attending events that incur costs.

The Mayor suggested that the Council Members email their suggestions outlining the duties of the mayor to staff for consideration at a future meeting.

The Council took no action.

**Adjournment** at 7:15 p.m. in honor of the late Richard Seeba.

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Cheryl Maki, Mayor

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Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk